

THE VESSELS IN HIS HOUSE

“But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these (that which is unclean), he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified (made holy) and meet (fit, profitable) for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work”; **2 Timothy 2:20-21**

FACTS CONCERNING BIBLICAL VESSELS:

1. It is the symbol of mankind and a person’s body; Romans 9:21-23; 2 Cor. 4:7; 1 Thess. 4:4.
2. A vessel is something “prepared”, symbolic of a believer; 2 Timothy 2:20-21
3. A vessel filled with water can satisfy thirst; Ruth 2:9; John 4:13-15
4. A vessel was a container for “incense”; Exodus 30:7-9; Numbers 16:17
5. A vessel held the “Manna”; Exodus 16:33; Revelation 2:17
6. A vessel was used for banquets; Amos 6:6-7; Daniel 5:1-4
7. A vessel is a container for “oil”; Exodus 27:20; 30:25-29; Matthew 25:4
8. A vessel is a container for “tears”; Psalm 56:8; Luke 7:38, 44
9. A vessel can become polluted by debauchery; Daniel 5:1-4
10. A vessel can become a container of hypocrisy; Matthew 23:25-26, 28
11. Vessels, cups and jars are containers for wine; John 2:2-10; Nehemiah 1:11
12. The holy vessels in the Tabernacle were brought to the Temple; 1 Kings 8:4; 2 Chron. 5:5
13. If a clay vessel is being formed, but has a flaw, it can be made into a new vessel; Jer. 18:1-6
14. The Lord God is the Creator of every vessel; Romans 9:20-21
15. The Lord God is the Refiner of His vessels; Malachi 3:3; Zechariah 13:9

DIFFERENT KINDS OF VESSELS:

Vessels are constructed of different elements and are used for different purposes. There are:

1. Vessels of honor; 2 Timothy 2:20; 1 Thess. 4:4
2. A vessel “empty of pleasure” or “dishonor”; Jeremiah 22:28; 2 Timothy 2:20
3. An abominable vessel; Isaiah 65:4
4. Vessels of mercy; Romans 9:23
5. Vessels of wrath; Romans 9:22
6. Clean vessels; Isaiah 66:20
7. Chosen vessels; Acts 9:15; Ephesians 1:4
8. Holy vessels; Zechariah 14:20-21

GOLD AND SILVER VESSELS:

1. Gold and silver vessels have to pass through the fire to be perfected; Malachi 3:3
2. God said that the gold and the silver are His; Haggai 2:8
3. These are associated with the GLORY of the latter Temple; Haggai 2:1-9. Cyrus decreed that the gold and silver vessels which were in captivity would be BROUGHT UP from Babylon to the Temple in Jerusalem; Gal. 4:26. There were three distinct “returns” of exiles from Babylon; Zerubbabel brought the first group of exiles (first-fruits) back to Jerusalem; Ezra 1:1-11.
4. In biblical days, vessels of gold and silver were used by rulers, kings and priests; these have a high spiritual value and worth (and speaks of a Royal Priesthood); Genesis 44:2; Neh. 1:11
5. Gold covered the Most Holy Place, and it speaks of God’s divine nature, PURIFIED FAITH, and of a people whose faith is purified, who are covered with His divine nature; 1 Peter 1:7
6. Silver speaks of Redemption, and of a people who are REDEEMED, being the first-fruits unto God, who are blameless, without fault before the throne of God; Rev. 14:1-5; Matt. 26:15

THE KINGDOM PRINCIPLE OF THE RESTORED VESSELS:

1. Every vessel (life) is either in “Babylon” (the house of other gods) or in the Temple of God’s House; Rev. 18:4. Some are brought to the Temple before the others. There is an order in which God’s people are “gathered”; 1 Corinthians 15:23.
2. Vessels of gold and silver were taken into captivity from the Temple to Babylon by king Nebuchadnezzar (a type of satan); Ezra 1:7; Daniel 5:2-3. God has allowed His people to be cast into prison and placed under another’s custody; Genesis 39:20. He watches to see if we will remain faithful to Him during our time of “imprisonment”; 2 Timothy 1:8.
3. Will we remain faithful to Him unto death, during our time of great confinement, difficulty and persecution? Or will we take matters into our own hands, seeking to find a way out of our captivity? Only the Lord Jesus can make a way of escape for us; 1 Cor. 10:13; Ps. 66:10-12.
4. The “rich” in faith, who overcome and wait upon the Lord for His timing of their deliverance, cannot be hurt by the Second Death (the Lake of Fire). The fleshly behavior over which the Second Death retains its authority, is driven from us, and burned out of us, during our times of “imprisonment”; Rev. 2:11. The Lord’s prisoners shall be raised to life!
5. As we endure seasons of captivity, the crown of incorruptible resurrection life by which we will govern the nations, is being formed in us. The cross of imprisonment precedes our receiving a crown of authority; Rev. 2:10. We are then qualified to be raised in the First Resurrection, and return with Jesus to serve as a ruler and a participant in the restoration of all things; Acts 3:21.
6. Every chosen vessel is being prepared to rule and reign with Christ. When the time of our “captivity” is complete, when God has worked His purpose in us, we are then “brought hastily” out of prison, are given a “change of clothes” and presented before the king; Genesis 41:14.
7. Our Father sees that His gold and silver vessels have been taken into custody by another ruler, and are being used in the revelry of Babylon. But the finger of God has written upon the “wall”, and those like “Daniel” are interpreting the writing and predicting the fall of that kingdom and the demise of its wicked king; see Daniel 5:1-30
8. King Cyrus, who conquered Babylon, is a type of Jesus Christ. God said that Cyrus would “build His City” and recover His people (the vessels which were in captivity), taking them out of Babylon, and carry them to the Temple in Jerusalem; Isaiah 45:13; Ezra 5:14-15.
9. The FIRST VESSELS to return from Babylon to Jerusalem are those of JUDAH (“praise”) and BENJAMIN (“son of the right hand”); Ezra 1:5. The tribe of Judah (which produced the kings) and the Son Of The Right Hand Company (rulers), 2 out of 12 “brothers”, also like Caleb and Joshua; Numbers 13-14, were the first to go into the land. These represent the “first fruits”.
10. The Lord God has a “treasury” and these vessels were brought forth by the hand of the “Treasurer”; they are “hand-picked” and assigned; Ezra 1:8; Joshua 6:19, 24; Mark 12:41.
11. When the foundations of God’s House are “strongly laid”, Hebrews 6:1-2, the gold and the silver vessels of God’s house are RESTORED, BROUGHT TO THE TEMPLE and each one is SET IN HIS PLACE in the House of God; Ezra 5:14-15; 6:3-5.
12. We must pass from the ranks of the “called” to the ranks of the “chosen”, and then we must be proven “faithful”. The beast and his kingdom make war with the Lamb, Who overcomes them. Those who are with the Lamb are CALLED, CHOSEN and FAITHFUL; Rev. 17:14:
 - a. Called - called of Jesus Christ to be saints; Romans 1:6-7
 - b. Chosen - many are called, but few are chosen; Matthew 22:14
 - c. Faithful - faithful servants are given charge over Jerusalem and are made rulers over their master’s household; Nehemiah 7:1-2; Matthew 24:45-47; Luke 16:10-12

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